

REMARKS

In summary, claims 1-15 are pending, of which claims 1, 7, and 13 are independent claims. Figure 1 is objected to. Figure 1 is amended. Claims 2 and 6 are objected to. Claims 1-3 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102. Claims 4 and 5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103. Claims 7-15 are allowed. Claims 1 and 2 are herein amended. Claim 1 is amend to incorporate subject matter of claim 6 and claim 6 is cancelled. No new matter is added. Figure 1 is herein amended.

Drawing Objection

Figure 1 is objected to because Figure 1 is not designated by a legend such as Prior Art. It is respectfully submitted that the requirement for corrected drawings is inappropriate because Figure 1 illustrates new features not found in the prior art. In particular, Figure 1 includes a THM (trusted hardware module) 28 and a trusted hardware channel 30. THM 28 and trusted hardware channel 30 as shown in Figure 1 are new and not found in the prior art, and accordingly Figure 1 does not illustrate only that which is old. As a result, Applicants respectfully decline to amend Figure, and instead respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the requirement for corrected drawings.

Claim Objection Informalities

Claim 2 is objected to because the phrase “the processor” is repeated twice. Claim 2 is herein amended to correct this typographical error. Accordingly, it is requested that the objection to claim 2 be reconsidered and withdrawn.

Claim 1 is objected to because, as asserted in the instant Office Action, there is insufficient antecedent basis for the limitation “the derived keys”. Because this limitation not found in claim 1 but is found in claim 2, Applicant assumes the objection is directed to claim 2. Claim 2 is herein amended to correct this typographical error. Accordingly it is requested that the objection to claim 2 be reconsidered and withdrawn.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 7-15

Applicant acknowledges the allowance of claim 7-15.

Claim 6

Claim 6, which depends upon independent claim 1, is objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claim 1 is herein amended to incorporate the subject matter of claim 6. Claim 6 is accordingly canceled.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §102

Claims 1-3 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by the pages 1-5 and Figure 1 of Applicant's application.

Claims 2 and 3 each depend upon claim 1. In view of the foregoing amendment to claim 1, it is submitted that claims 1-3 are allowable. Accordingly, it is requested that the rejection of claims 1-3 under 35 U.S.C. §102 be reconsidered and withdrawn.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §103

Claims 4 and 5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over pages 1-5 of Applicant's application.

Claims 4 and 5 ultimately depend upon claim 1. In view of the foregoing amendment to claim 1, it is submitted that claims 4 and 5 are allowable. Accordingly, it is requested that the rejection of claims 4 and 5 under 35 U.S.C. §103 be reconsidered and withdrawn.

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CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing remarks and amendments, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of this application and an early Notice of Allowance are requested.

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